



Media Advisory

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Media Reminder: St. Louis Hosts Midwest Levee Conference

Registration by close of business Friday, has exceed the projected 300 levee experts representing a broad spectrum of specific interests in the nation's flood protection system infrastructure gathering in St. Louis this week for a Midwest Levee Conference. Added numbers are expected as the conference nears its start tomorrow.

The conclave is being hosted by the St. Louis elements of the Society of American Military Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers, with strong participation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District.

The conference is being held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Hotel (formerly the Adam's Mark Hotel) at 315 Chestnut Street, Tuesday, June 3 through June 5.

Conference attendees representing numerous architecture and engineering companies from around the region, levee district members and representatives from federal, state and local agencies will attend. A diverse conference agenda will address technology for flood protection design, methodology and operational practices, focus on recent issues such as FEMA map modernization, levee certification, and the overall condition of the nation's aging flood protection infrastructure.

Key presentations will include remarks by Mr. Steve Stockton, Director of Civil Works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquarters in Washington, DC, Brig. Gen Michael Walsh, who recently assumed command of the Corps Mississippi Valley Division and key subject matter experts in the field of Flood Risk Reduction.

For the most up to date information about the conference and to view the agenda, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.midwestleveeconference.com>

Who: Architects and engineers, government officials, levee district personnel

What: Midwest Levee Conference

When: Tuesday, June 3 – Thursday, June 5

Where: Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Hotel (Former Adams Mark), 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis

Why: To focus attention on the Midwest's levees and their role in reducing flood risks

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Note to editors: Alan Dooley, Chief of Public Affairs, will be on site during the conference. If you require assistance feel free to call him on his cell, 618-719-9039.